

Written at Random.

Few people realize what great disturbances are now going on over the surface of the sun. Merely to know that there is a massive dark spot on the sun, without realizing in the least, its vast dimensions, is plainly a useless fact.

One of the spots, and spots are only cavities on the surface of the sun, now visible is large enough to swallow up many worlds like our own. It is somewhat irregular in shape, about 20,000 miles wide and 50,000 miles long.

The existence of the present group of spots was first discovered by one of the high school astronomy students, Arthur Burton. He communicated the discovery to his astronomy professor, who, after a few observations, confirmed the report. Since the discovery a few days ago, the spots have been observed daily. They move from west to east and are now about to disappear around the edge of the sun's disc. They pass entirely around the sun in about 26 days, hence they may reappear in about two weeks, but on the opposite edge first and then gradually pass over the disc again.

As stated above, spots are mere cavities in the luminous surface of the sun. This is not the only theory about them, but is accepted as the most probable. It is based upon the fact that, as the spots approach the edge of the disc they appear as depressions in the surface. The darkest portions, however, give off some light, but only about one per cent. as much as a corresponding area of the luminous surface. At this ratio, the spot is even brighter than a calcium light.

These spots not only disturb the sun, but it is a conceded fact that they are the cause of certain magnetic disturbances, the so-called magnetic storms, and the brilliancy of the Aurora Borealis. They are also accompanied by effects upon the meteorology of the earth, upon its temperature, barometric pressure, storminess and the amount of rainfall.

Sun spots have been observed as an unexplained phenomena for the past three centuries. Galileo, in the year of 1610 was the first to turn his telescope on that luminous body and announce the discovery of the strange movements. Facts have been added from time to time and there still remain numerous unanswered questions.

"Am dis Mistah Sandahs?" excitedly inquired a colored damsel the other day as she pushed her way into the judge's office at the city hall, and focused her gaze on the worthy judge.

"It certainly is," replied the judge, who has grown used to such interruptions, during his long and honored career.

"Well, I wants a wa'nt fo' dat yaller wench nex' dooh to me. I dun tote hah' t' let me 'lone, and she keeps a'fah me. Yes sah."

"What did she do?" asked the judge.

"Whut'd she do? Dey aint nuthin' she haint dun. She calls me outen ma name ef I's much es poke ma nose outen de do'. She meets me dis mawnin' when I's goin' 'long to fetch Mis' Jones' clo's an' slaps my face an' calls me outen ma name—an' jedge I didn't do nuthin' to dat woman, not a thing, sah."

"Yes, I expect not," responded the court, with satirical incredulity. "I've heard that story before. I expect you are about as much to blame as she, but you can have a warrant if you want one. I expect you'll get into it about as badly as she is in it, though, before you get through. I know you women, you see, and know just how you do."

"Naw sah, naw sah, jedge, fo' God I didn't do nuthin' to mek dat helen smack ma face an' scandalize ma name dat way. Naw sah."

The warrant was issued and the case came to trial. As might have been expected, the woman who was so indignant over the way she had been treated by the "yaller wench," turned out to be the one who was to blame for the whole thing, and was fined more than the other one. She had to work many a week over the wash tub to pay the \$10 and costs, but she was apparently satisfied, as she had the other one fined too, and her vindictiveness was gratified.

It is this same spirit of spite and malice that causes so many cases of malicious shootings, cutting and murder among some classes of colored people, and it crops up in some form nearly every day in police court.

—Fresh creamery butter 25c lb at all of Biederman's stores.

## HEADS CHOPPED OFF

THE CHINESE DIDN'T WAIT FOR A TRIAL.

Harbin, May 20.—Your correspondent went out with a Cossack patrol on horseback and after six hours' ride we encountered a Chinese robber band, which was quickly surrounded and driven toward us on fast horses. There were fifteen of these miscreants, who, when pursued, threw away their plunderbags of tea, flour and much stolen money. The Cossacks formed a circle, into which the Chinese were driven. When the latter saw there was no escape they immediately threw themselves on their hands and knees. The chief of the Cossacks then uttered some word of command and the kneeling Chinese, without the least a do, threw their pigtails over their foreheads, letting them dangle in front instead of behind. Then the Cossacks made them kneel in single file and at a given signal advanced at a gallop and cut the fifteen heads off like so many cabbages.

There was no court martial and, as indicated, very little was spoken during the summary process. The Chinese themselves had not a word or a gesture of protest. They knew that their time was up and accepted their fate like true stoics. The last care bestowed upon the pigtail has two reasons. First, no self-respecting Chinese would like to enter paradise without his pigtail, and, again, the pigtail hanging behind interferes with the Cossacks' ready blade. If one has to die there is no use of prolonging the agony, argue the Chinese.

## EAT EACH OTHER.

CANNIBALISM SAID TO BE PRACTICED BY BELGIAN TROOPS.

Brussels, May 20.—Brussels papers admit that the reports of the English missionaries that cannibalism is rife among the native Belgian troops in Congo and is correct to a certain extent. Here is the latest story of the atrocities committed under King Leopold's flag.

The missionaries passing Arouwimi station found the soldiers sitting around a fire eating human flesh, as indicated by the bones with which the ground was strewn. Near by were found a number of black prisoners of war with bound hands and feet. The soldiers' women guarding them expressed their intention to make a meal of these men as soon as the soldiers got through. These prisoners had been given to them by their captors.

The detachment was commanded by a Belgian officer and sub-officer both of whom stated to the missionaries that they were unable to restrain their men from practicing cannibalism, the constant warfare they were waging against defenseless tribes, in which men, women and children were mutilated, having turned them into savage beasts whose appetites could not be controlled.

## MUST IMPROVE

NEW YORK MINISTER BLAMES IGNORANT MINISTRY.

New York, May 20.—The Rev. Charles Briggs of the Union Theological seminary faculty said in an address at the seminary that an ignorant ministry is doing much to retard the spread of the church and of Christianity.

"Ecclesiastical domination is the greatest foe of theology. The peril of ecclesiastical domination is not dangerous in this country to any extent through the organized ministers and theological schools. The Christian ministry is no longer what it ought to be, where the best educated man in the community is not the minister."

"The public estimate of the ministry and the church declines when the congregation is better educated than the minister. We must have a much higher education than is given in the theological seminaries. It is impossible to believe that the greater number of the world, the heathens, are doomed to eternal damnation. The systematic theology of the future will not be denominational but constructed by the inductive and generic methods of organized theology."

Norfolk, Va.—Arthur C. Humphreys, Spanish consul here and a close friend of the Cervera family, has received a cablegram from Lieut. Luis Cervera, saying: "My father is quite well; the report is a mistake." This is the answer to the press dispatch that Admiral Cervera was dangerously ill.

## A JOLLY THROG

Last Night's Crowd the Largest of the Week.

Many Thousand Passed Through the Gates—Street Car Traffic Immense.

The crowd at the carnival last night was the largest of the week. The grounds were chuck full, and everybody was in a good humor. The people have caught the carnival fever, and a "packed house" tonight and tomorrow night are insured.

"Jee!" ejaculated one of the carnival men who had never been to Paducah before, as he surveyed the seething throng last night. "Dey goes right dotty over de carniville in dis burg, hey?" No answer seemed necessary.

Today there seems to be more strangers in the city than usual. The streets down town have been well filled, and all the various stands and catch-nickle devices on the corners seemed to be thriving.

The street car traffic was something immense. Night before last 9,500 fares were collected on the cars and last night the number probably reached thirteen or fourteen thousand.

All the shows are drawing well at the carnival grounds and the prospects are for another record-breaking crowd tonight.

At last it has dawned upon the public that the carnival is a gigantic project—assuredly the most attractive, the cleanest character, the best managed and by far the greatest in point of high class entertainment. Yesterday everything was in full blast from the main gate to the Big Hippodrome. Everybody, big and little, old and young were there. The Bourke Cochran of carnival orators, George C. Johnson, impressed the crowd of strangers by his eloquent description of the wonders to be seen in the hippodrome and at the trained wild animal exhibition and at the finish of his remarks the listening concourse nearly broke down the ticket boxes in their haste to gain admission and best seats. They were well repaid for their struggle through the crush of humanity in both instances. Captain Ricardo, "The Animal king," who has been for weeks breaking the handsome Puma to ride, jump banners, turn somersaults, etc., expects to introduce the act for the first time before an audience this evening. Madame Von Gort will also add a new feature to her already daring performance with her mixed aggregation of wild beasts. Those who have thought the limit of animal education had been reached, will be astonished by the ability and ease with which the animals perform difficult and intricate tricks never before witnessed by an audience. Mlle. Nilia Daugina, the celebrated Hungarian Premier Danseuse, portrays the enchanting Byzantine dance of the ancients in the midst of her troupe of superb lions. Captain Crawford, known to all showmen as the "man of nerve," will at each performance enter the den of the untamable lion Denoeur. The handsomest and most ferocious beast in captivity. In its entirety it eclipses anything of the kind ever seen here and is worth seeing—worth twice the admission charged. The Hippodrome as I have said before, is strictly first class in every particular, the several great features pleasing even the most blasé or the most fastidious. Victor D. Levitt's Magic Maze is an up-to-date creation that affords the crowds who visit it all kinds of fun, and by the way no one in Paducah has yet gained the reward for finding the lost room. You try it? Lotta is perhaps the most talked of artist on the grounds and draws audiences that fill her theater completely. Loretta, the armless wonder, holds a continuous levee from the opening to the closing of the gates. Creation, with its illustrated songs, moving pictures and illusions has pleased immense houses. The German village is doing a nice business and moreover it is well conducted. Not a sign of rowdiness since the first minute of its opening.

The local promoters of the fair and Colonel P. J. Mundy, the owner of the attractions, have left nothing undone to promote the pleasure and happiness of the visitors and as the object for which it is given is a good one these last two days should break the record of Paducah carnival enterprise.

Judge William Reed, of the McCracken circuit court, Judge James Campbell and other prominent attorneys, were conspicuous in the carnival

## Great Carnival Bargain Sale AT THE BAZAAR

ENTIRE surplus bought from S. Steinfeld & Co., 358 Broadway, New York, going at less than cost to make. 1500 Fine Dress Skirts of every class of materials. Hundreds of beautiful styles. Every one of these high class skirts is made in the most up-to-date style and beautifully tailored—dress and walking styles—fashioned in voiles, broadcloths, venetians, courts, English mixtures. The newest style features. Plaited and shirred combinations. You have never seen such elegant skirts at such prices.

\$6.50 Skirts in fine Peau de Soir Silk \$12.50  
\$15.00 Fine Voile dress skirts, new French back \$10.98  
\$10.00 Fine Dress Skirts, carnival price \$8.50

\$7.50 Fine Dress and Walking Skirts, carnival sale price \$5.98  
\$6.50 Fine Voile Dress Skirts, carnival sale price \$4.98  
\$3.00 Splendid Melton Walking Skirts, carnival sale price \$1.98



## Fashionable New Silk Shirt Waist Suits

The popular new Taffeta and Shantung Silk Shirt Waist Suits, neat, cool effects, very prettily made in latest styles for summer wear, new sleeves, etc.

\$12.98 and \$15.00

Silk Jackets, latest and smartest styles for summer wear, \$3.98 to \$7.50

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## Sample Millinery from a New York Wholesaler

Beautiful show room hats from one of the leading wholesale milliners on Fifth Avenue, New York. We bought all his show room sample line at less than half the real value of the hats. Some of the hats were manufactured to sell for \$15.00 and \$20.00, marked for carnival special millinery sale as follows:

All the \$15.00 and our imported pattern hats \$10.00  
All the \$10.00 and \$12.00 fine imported pattern hats \$6.98

All the \$7.00 fine pattern hats, many all black \$5.50  
\$5.00 New York pattern hats, carnival sale price \$3.50  
\$4.00 New York pattern hats, carnival sale price \$2.50



THE BAZAAR 329 BROADWAY

grounds last night. They took in all the shows and joined into the fun of throwing confetti and receiving large doses of it in return. Everybody was jolly and enjoyed the festivities immensely.

The band concert for today and tomorrow afternoon is:

## FRIDAY NIGHT.

March—"Excelsior" St. Clair.  
Overture—"Stradella" Flotow  
Waltz—"Sweet Memories" Clark.  
Schubert's Serenade.  
Excerpts from "The Prince of Pilsen," Lullers.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Two-step—"Smiles" Herbert Walenstein.

Overture—"Tancred" Rossini.  
Waltz—"Daughter of Love" Bennett.

Selection from "Mariana" Wallace.

"A Spanish Fancy" L. E. Girardey.  
Excerpts from "Chimes of Normandy" Audran.

## 187 SOLD

TOBACCO REPORT SHOWS MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN PADUCAH.

The weekly report of Tobacco Inspector Ed Miller shows a continued improvement in the market in Paducah. For the present week it is as follows:

Receipts for the week, 345; receipts for year, 1263; offerings for the week, 144; rejections for the week, 18; sales for the week, 187; sales for the year, 2042.

## COUNTY COURT.

The West End Improvement Co. deeds to M. F. Emory, for \$1499, property in the West End.

John C. Hays, of the county, colored, age 54 and Mary Baker, age 48, of the county, were licensed to wed. It makes the second marriage of both.

## IS WORSE TODAY.

Fred, the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rudy, who has been ill for some time from tonsillitis at the home of his parents on Fountain avenue, is much worse today. Physicians have abandoned hope of his recovery.

## CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

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South Bend, Ind.—Bernard S. Fahy, of Rome, Ga., won Notre Dame's annual elocution contest.

Mrs. K. E. Rose, of Pomer, Tex., is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Pendley.

## BIEDERMAN'S CASH PRICES FOR SATURDAY

## A Saving of 30 Per Cent for Cash

Just received 1200 of those sweet sugar cured California Hams. We are dividing them with all of our stores. This will be the last lot that we can sell at the price. Our price per pound..... 8 1-2c

Others' price 12 1/2

Fresh eggs per dozen..... 14c

Just a few of those Kington's Pig Feet left, as long as they last, per dozen..... 15c

Fancy full Cream New York Cheese, per lb. only..... 12 1-2c

We have a few more of those Japanese baskets left, filled with half pound of the best tea. Our price Saturday..... 25c

Fancy lemons per dozen only..... 10c

Fresh Ginger Snaps all day Saturday, per pound..... 5c

A fine lot of assorted cakes received at all of our stores, better than you baked yourself, per pound..... 15c

**Something New**—Strawberry sugar, used for sweetening strawberries. A pound of it goes as far as three pounds granulated sugar, per pound only..... 10c

Nutro Crisp, a concentrated food for brain, nerves and muscle and a health producer. Just a few more packages left.

Our price per package..... 7c

Two packages Ruby Soda Saturday only..... 5c

A fancy Carolina Head Rice per pound only..... 5c

In order to more thoroughly introduce the celebrated Napha and Borax Soap we will sell a few bars Saturday at 4 cents each.

**JUST RECEIVED** Another car of Oris Patent

Flour. This is the highest roller patent produced. The next time you need flour try it. Your money refunded if it don't please you.

## REMEMBER

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